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Dear Fellow Kentuckians,

During the second week of November, over 25,000 acres of forests burned in Kentucky and over 95,000 acres have burned since July 1st of 1999. Because of the severe drought experienced this year, our forests continue to burn at an alarming rate. Consequently, Kentucky is experiencing the worst year for forest fires in this decade.

The Division of Forestry estimates that over 70% of the forest fires are suspected of having been intentionally started, which is a Class D Felony offense. Unfortunately, these crimes are exceptionally hard to investigate and solve since the crime scenes are huge and the perpetrators typically leave behind very little evidence. The only good evidence usually available in this type of case is information provided by conscientious citizens.

If you have information concerning a forest fire that is suspected of having been intentionally started, please report it in one of the following ways:

- ❖ Call the Division of Forestry Operations Center, which is currently staffed 24-hours per day, at (502) 564-4496.
- ❖ Call the Target Arson Hotline, which is also staffed 24-hours per day, at 1-800-27-ARSON. Additional information regarding the Target Arson program may be obtained from your local Division of Forestry office or State Police post. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Secretary James E. Bickford

Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet

Governor Patton Proposes Statewide, Universal Garbage Collection

Governor Paul Patton recently announced his initiative for statewide, universal garbage collection. Key points of his proposal are:

- Counties and cities will remain the primary entities for solid waste management, but can contract with private providers.
- Once-a-week solid waste pick-up will be provided to every residence and business for the disposal of all waste generated in the course of everyday living.
- Participation by residential and business units in collection program will be required.
- Landowners should receive help in cleaning up existing junk and scrap piles on their property.

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MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Jan. 10 - KY Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board Meeting - Dept. for Nat. Resources, 633 Teton Trail. Contact: Mary Jean Eddins, DNR, 502-564-2184.

Jan. 12-13 - Practical Compliance with EPA Regulations - Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, Lexington. Contact: Phyllis Wells, KY Chamber of Commerce, 502-695-4700.

Jan. 20 - Petroleum Storage Tank Environmental Assurance Fund Public Information Session - Health Services Auditorium, 275 E. Main St, Frankfort. Contact: Nancy Tanner, OPSTEAF, 502-564-5981.

Jan. 26-27 - Practical Compliance with EPA Regulations - Holiday Inn Hurstbourne, Louisville. Contact: Phyllis Wells, Ky. Chamber of Commerce, 502-695-4700.

Feb. 25 - Ky. Water Resources Annual Symposium - Wyndham Garden Hotel, Lexington. Contact: Julie Back, UK, 606-257-4634.

PUBLIC NOTICES/HEARINGS

KY Division of Water - KPDES Permit Notices

• **Dry Fork Market, Whitesburg** (Letcher Co.) - permit modification to an existing sanitary discharge to Dry Fork, increasing plant capacity to .0025 mgd. Contact: Ross Bishop, DOW, 502-564-3410.

• **Danville Sewage Treatment Plant**, Danville (Boyle Co.) - reissuance of a public notice for an existing municipal discharge from a POTW that enters Clarks Run. Contact: Daymond Talley, DOW, 502-564-3410.

• **35 Water Discharge Permit Issuances/Reissuances** - (Public Notice 1999 36-40). Contact: Courtney Zietz, 502-564-3410.

KY Division of Waste Management - Hazardous Waste Notices

• **U.S. Department of the Army, Blue Grass Depot** - a revised permit application for storing non-chemical munitions hazardous waste in two storage igloos. Public input is accepted throughout the review of the revised permit. Contact: Michael Welch, DWM, 502-564-6716 for more information.

KY Division of Waste Management - Solid Waste Notices

• **Owensboro Municipal Utilities**, Owensboro (Daviess Co.) - a draft permit has been issued to burn processed waste tire chips from counties in KY in the electrical generating plant. **Public Comment** is due by **Dec. 22**.

• **Dow Corning Corp.**, Carrollton (Carroll Co.) - proposes to construct an expansion of a residual solid waste landfill to accept silicone manufacturing waste by-products, paper and construction rubble from its plants in Carrollton, Elizabethtown and Greensboro, NC. **Public Comment** is due by **Nov. 26**.

• **Imco Recycling, Inc.**, (Butler Co.) - The Div. of Waste Management has approved a Groundwater Assessment Report for the residual landfill. The report finds that elevated constituents found in the groundwater are naturally occurring and do not represent a release of pollutants at the facility.

• **Soil Tech, LLC** (Lee County) - The Div. of Waste Management has issued a draft permit for construction of a soil treatment facility for gasoline contaminated soils. **Public Comment** due **Dec. 17**. Contact Carol Sole, DWM, 502-564-6716 for more information about the permits listed above.

KY Division of Waste Management - Underground Storage Tanks - No notices to report.

Contact: Lori Terry, UST Branch, DWM, 502-564-6716.

KY Division for Air Quality - Public Notices

• **Title V Operating Permit** - **Barton Brands**, Bardstown (Nelson Co.); **BF Goodrich**, Calvert City (Marshall Co.); **Catlettsburg Refining**, Catlettsburg (Boyd Co.); **Degussa Corp**, Calvert City (Marshall Co.); **Hampshire Chemical Corp.**, Owensboro (Daviess Co.); **Hayes Lemmerz Intl.**, Bowling Green (Warren Co.); **Interplastic Silmar Resin**, Fort Wright (Kenton Co.); **Jim Beam Brands Plant 2**, Boston (Nelson Co.); **Montaplast of N. Amer.**, Frankfort (Franklin Co.); **Morehead State Univ.**, Morehead (Rowan Co.); **Newport Steel Corp.**, Wilder (Campbell Co.); **Publishers Printing**, Shepherdsville (Bullitt Co.); **Sherwin Williams**, Richmond (Madison Co.); **Topy Corp.**, Frankfort (Franklin Co.); **Transmontaigne Terminal**, Paducah (McCracken Co.); **Van Leer Containers**, Florence (Boone Co.); **Wacker Polymer Systems**, Calvert City (Marshall Co.); **Westlake PVC**, Calvert City (Marshall Co.); **Yuasa Exide**, Richmond (Madison Co.).

• **Conditional Major Source Construction/Operating Permit (Title V does not apply)** - **Clariant**, Henderson (Henderson Co.); **Federal Mogul Friction**, Scottsville (Allen Co.); **Inoac Packaging**, Leitchfield/Bardstown (Grayson/Nelson Cos.); **MRM Assoc.**, Calvert City (Marshall Co.).

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Environmental Quality Commission
Meeting Announcement



EQC Public Meeting

December 16, 1999

1 pm, Capitol Annex, Room 129, Frankfort

- **Review Governor's Potable Water Initiative**
- **2000 General Assembly Environmental Legislation**

All EQC meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Auxiliary aids, interpreters, and other services will be provided upon request by contacting EQC.

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- **Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Construction/Operating Permit** - Gallatin Steel, Warsaw (Gallatin Co.); Guardian Automotive, Morehead (Rowan Co.); N. Amer. Stainless, Ghent (Carroll Co.); Superior Graphite, Hopkinsville (Christian Co.); Toyota Motor MFG., Georgetown (Scott Co.).
- **Synthetic Minor Construction/Operating Permit at a Title V Source (PSD regs. do not apply)** - Bluegrass Generation, La Grange (Oldham Co.); Logan Aluminum, Russellville (Logan Co.); Riverside Generating, Zella (Lawrence Co.).
- **Conditional Major Source Operating Permit (Title V does not apply)** - Clover Creek Brick, Cloverport (Breckenridge Co.); JS Technos Corp., Russellville (Logan Co.).
- **Acid Rain Phase II Permit** - Bluegrass Generation, La Grange (Oldham Co.).
- **Title V Construction/Operating Permit** - Lasco Bathware, Hopkinsville (Christian Co.).

To comment on above air notices contact Bill Dills, 502-573-3382.

PROPOSED STATE REGULATIONS/PLANS

- **Draft State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan** - The Div. of Water is soliciting public comments on the Ky. 2000/2001 Intended Use Plan for loans under the State Wastewater Revolving Fund. **Public Comment** is due by **Dec. 3**. For more information contact Bill Gatewood, KY Division of Water, at 502-564-3410, ext. 440.

FEDERAL NOTICES

- **Proposed Rules for Managing National Forests** - On Sept. 30, the USFS announced new proposed rules for managing national forests. The rules will focus on involving the public earlier in forest planning, improving the use of science in the planning process and making forest planning dynamic and responsive to new information. The public is encouraged to comment before **Dec. 30**. For more information see <http://www.fs.fed.us/forum/nepa/rule/> or contact Charlotte Jones, DBNF, 606-745-3100.
- **Draft Policy Guidelines for Postmining Land Uses for Mountaintop Removal Mining** - The Office of Surface Mining has extended the **Public Comment** period for the draft guidelines until **Dec. 17**. Copies of the draft guidelines can be downloaded from OSM's web page at www.osmre.gov or contact Ed Carey, OSM Appalachian Regional Office, 412-937-2907.

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- Collection programs must provide for the financing of a roadside cleanup program and an existing illegal dump cleanup program.
- A recycling program must be made available to all citizens.
- Low income households will pay a lower rate for collection based on a sliding scale fee structure.
- The collection of garbage from those who refuse to pay will continue. Fees will be recovered through the owner's property tax.

The Governor will work with legislators during the 2000 General Assembly Session to develop a universal statewide collection statute. For more information about universal garbage collection initiative, contact Mark York, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, 502-564-3350.

GRANTS

- **KY Division of Energy's Institutional Conservation Program Grant** - More than \$900,000 is available for hospitals and schools to save money through energy conservation grants. The program offers 50-50 matching grants to fund technical assistance (TA) studies and energy conservation measures (ECMs). The grants will pay for design, acquisition and installation of major building improvements. The deadline for TA applications is **Feb. 15**, and the deadline for ECMs is **March 15**. Contact Eddie Riddle, Ky. DOE, at 502-564-7192 for more information.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Land, Legacy and Learning: Making Education Pay for Kentucky's Environment** - The Environmental Education Council outlines 20 recommendations that serve as a master plan to improve environmental literacy in Kentucky. Recommendations are grouped under four headings: Teaching Our Children, Preparing Educators and Training Future Leaders, Reaching Kentucky's Adults and Creating an Efficient System. To obtain a copy of the report, visit KEEC's web site at <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/envred/KEECmaster.htm> or contact Jane Wilson Eller at 1-800-882-5271.

VOTE FOR WILDFLOWER OF THE YEAR

Do you have a favorite wildflower? Why not nominate it for Wildflower of the Year? The Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission and the Salato Native Plant Program are seeking nominations for Wildflower of the Year. To qualify a wildflower must meet 4 criteria:

- Native and fairly common in Kentucky
- Relatively easy to grow in the backyard
- Has known wildlife value
- Plants or seeds can be purchased from local or mail order nurseries

Nominations are due by **January 14, 2000**. Contact Mary Carol Cooper, 1-800-858-1549 (e-mail: MaryCarol.Cooper@mail.state.ky.us) to order a nomination form or for more information.



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